

# NH Community Passport Program

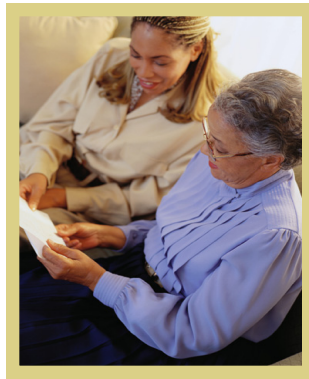
## *A Nursing Home Transition Initiative*

### What is the Community Passport Program?

The Community Passport program is a resource to help people who want to move from a facility-based setting into a community based setting.

Community Passport goals include:

- Working with facility discharge planners and residents to consider transitioning to the community and to explore other potential living arrangements;
- Discussing community choices and services available;
- Determining if a facility resident would be eligible for home and community based care; and
- Connecting approved facility residents with the resources and supports to be able to transition to a community setting. These services are provided based on each resident's specific needs and may include the purchase of necessary household items or health products. People who transition to community based care also receive case management services.



### Who is Eligible?

A facility resident who is interested in transitioning to a community setting may be eligible if s/he:

- Has lived in a facility, or combination of facilities, for 6 months or more;
- Has been eligible for Medicaid coverage for at least a month;

- Is willing to actively participate in his/her transition and care plan; and
- Is found eligible by the Division of Community Based Care Services (DCBCS) for one of the home and community based care programs.



### What is the Application Process?

Applications to the Community Passport program are made through the facility discharge planning office, through a ServiceLink office or through a Developmental Disability Area Agency.

Completed applications, with additional information from the facility, are sent to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Service Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, Division of Community Based Care Services. A nurse from that Bureau reviews the application and the information from the facility and determines if the resident is eligible to participate in Community Passport.

Once approved, the resident begins the transition planning process. This is accomplished through a



person-centered planning process that involves the resident, the facility staff and the Bureau. This process recognizes and respects the resident's values, experiences and preferences. The person-centered planning process also emphasizes

the resident's quality of life, dignity and personal responsibility.



Depending on the individual's needs, the transition process may take several months to achieve. Once accomplished, however, Community Passport will follow the person to his/her new home to ensure the transition is successful.

## Contact Information

For more information on the NH Community Passport Program, email us at

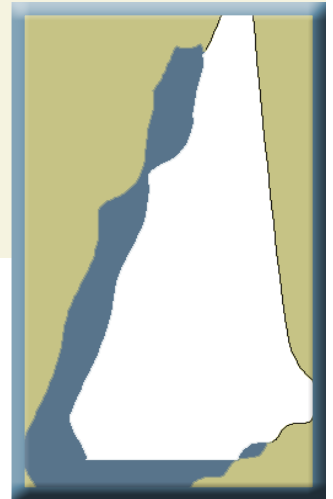
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Information is also available by calling

**ServiceLink Resource Center**

**Toll Free: 1-888-634-9412**

**TDD-NH Relay 1-800-735-2964 or 7-1-1**



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